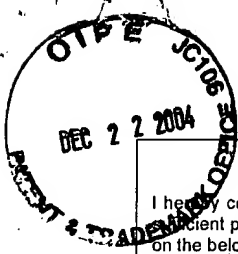


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Akira Shibutani
 Appln. No.: 09/826,671
 Filed: April 5, 2001
 For: SLOT ASSIGNMENT ALGORITHM
 Attorney Docket No: 10745/10

Examiner:
 Melvin C. Marcelo
 Art Unit: 2662

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate) and Amendment.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x 200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

12/16/04
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Respectfully submitted,
Tadashi Horie
 Tadashi Horie (Reg. No. 40,437)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on 5.